(e) what are the details of the recommendations which have been partially implemented, indicating the extent to which these still remain to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Wide ranging action has been taken in compliance with the recommendations of the last Accident Enquiry Committee.

(b) and (c) All the accepted recommendations have either been implemented or are in the process of implementation. Partially implemented recommendations are those which are of continuous nature or where implementation has necessarily to be a long drawn process e.g. provision of Auxiliary Warning System, track renewals, provision of track circuiting etc.

Under-Staffing in the Birla Institute of Technology

*268. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi was granted autonomous status in 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Computer Engineering department there is under-staffed;

(c) if so, what is the position of strength and the vacancies existing in this Department as on 31st October, 1988; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in this regard to mitigate the hardships being caused to students of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir. The Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi had the status of an autonomous college within Ranchi University since 1972 and attained the status of deemed University in August, 1986.

(b) to (d) The Government had approved 14 Faculty positions, 8 for conducting Degree course in Computer Engineering and 6 for Masters course in Computer Applications. Against 14 positions, the Institute was having 4 vacancies as on 31st October, 1988. The Institute has already sent offers for appointment of two more Lecturers.

Setting up of Core-group by Government

*269. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Core-Group set up by Government on women has submitted its Report to Government;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Group;

(c) whether the recommendations have since been considered by Government;

(d) whether the said Core-Group has also recommended Uniform Civil Code for all women; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Perspective Plan lays emphasis on perceiving women in a holistic manner as also on interministerial coordination and decentralisation of the machinery charged with implementation of the various schemes and programmes to benefit women. The recommendations have been made under the following heads:

(i) Rural Development & Agriculture.

(ii) Employment & Training.

(iii) Supportive Services, Fuel, Fodder, Water; Creches/Day Care, Housing.

(iv) Education.

(v) Healthand Family Welfare.

(vi) Legislation.

(vii) Political particlpation and decision making.

(viii) Media & communication.

(ix) Voluntary action.

(c) The recommendations are under consideration.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Perspective Plan points out than there is an urgent need to have a Uniform Civil Code which guarantee equal rights to all Indian women and men. The adoption of a Uniform Civil Code would not only lead to gender justice, but would also ensure parity for people of different denominations. It should be adopted for all citizens by the year 2000 A.D.

Railway Line from Ramagundam to Kurduwadi via Nanded

*270. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for a railway line from Ramagundam to Kurduwadi *via* Nanded is pending with Government;

(b) whether Government have recently received a memorandum from the citizens of Nanded-Marathwada demanding such a railway line; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government on their demand? mand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Educational Programmes on T.V.

@*271. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a survey conducted by the National Centre for Media Studies as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 16th October, 1988, according to which the educational programmes on T.V. are watched by only 10 per cent children in the age group 11-15 and that video viewing is growing among the children; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to reverse the trend?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The government is aware of the news item of 16th October in the 'Hindustan Times' about the results of a study conducted by the National Centre for Media Studies. The government has taken note of the findings reported. However, the study was not commissioned by this Ministry. The government has also noted that the study has focused on the students in the age group 10-15 and students in classes IX and X. However, under the Education Technology Programme being implemented by this Ministry at the school level the focus is at the primary level in keeping with the national priority. Because of paucity of television sets in schools, use of educational programmes in schools has so far been quite small. Since the transmission is in the morning hours when the children are in school, they cannot view the programmes in homes

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